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and most authentic sources, and no pains
have been spared to make the work comp-
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THE FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS OF
SHANGHAI.A Chromo-Lithograph Plate of the
NEW CODE OF SIGNALS IN USE AT
THE PEAK;

also of

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AND
THE COAST OF CHINA;NEW CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE—
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Orders it is particularly requested that all
business communications be addressed to the
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DEATH.

On the afternoon of the 29th inst., at Onglin
House, Hongkong, ROBERT MC KENNA
DARROCH. The funeral will take place at Happy
Valley at 6 P.M. to-day.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 30TH, 1876.

The French Government has resolved, it is
stated, to fit out an expedition to explore the
island of New Guinea, and the naturalist
selected for the mission is to sail from Toulon
on the 20th proximo. This announcement
may mean simply that an exploration of this
great and comparatively unknown island is
about to be made by France in the interest
of science and geographical knowledge only.
The French, it is well known, are
anxious to stand in the foremost ranks of dis-
covery, and New Guinea has lately been
attracting a good deal of attention. Moreover,
it is one of the very few portions of the globe
not remaining which has not been thoroughly
traversed by Europeans. Africa is not
nearly open; up, and Lieutenant
CAMERON and Mr. STANLEY between them
probably soon fill in most of the blanks
still left on the map of that vast continent;
Central Asia is now tolerably well known;
and over the desert interior of Australia is no
longer a terra incognita. There would, there-
fore, be nothing strange on the face of it, in
the French scientists and naturalists turning
their attention to New Guinea. This
No Man's Land, spite of the recent discoveries
of Captain MORSEY, the Rev. Mr. MACFARLANE,
and Signor D'ALBERTIS, still offers a
fine field to the discoverer. It is to be
hoped that the explorations, with one exception, will
be conducted with the greatest care and
attention to the welfare of the natives.
The two foreigner and bandit over to
the Spaniard, Chilean, who afterwards
gave them up to the Colom authorities.We (Englishmen) know that, on her arrival in
London, the P. & O. Ship, *China*, was
in dry dock in the yard of the Thomas Ship-
building Company, to undergo repairs. We
have not ascertained the exact extent of the
damage she sustained by being run on the
Monsul Reef on the coast of Malta, but we
understand she received injuries in the after-
part which necessitated the putting in of a new
hawser and some other damage. The
villagers went to Sipant to tell their
captain he was to be punished, but he
was not happy, and so he sent a
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HONGKONG SHIPMASTERS' CERTIFICATES.

A shipmaster writes to the London and China Express as follows:—Will you permit me, through the medium of your paper, to direct attention to what seems to me an injustice to many connected with the mercantile marine? It was common that Hongkong in 1862 that a species of local Board of Trade had been opened, and that the usual documents of a ship were not allowed to clear up, as they obtained a clear title from it. It was stated that this Board was sanctioned by the Board of Trade at home, and I, in common with others, concluded that one of the Hongkong Board of Trade Officers would be recognised here, but as no one could be found, it was thought the paper it was written upon. My numbers are under the same impression, and I need, and have, no reason why, if a certificate is issued by one of them, it should be ignored. At least this ought to be made plain to those who take them out, and may, like myself, after having had a command in the China and Japan seas for nearly a quarter of a century, find on reaching home that they have to commence all over to obtain a certificate of competency.

THE RUINS OF PARIS.

Englishmen who go to Paris must be accustomed to the slowness with which the rebuilding of the palaces and houses burnt by the Commune is proceeded with. The Ministry of Finance have issued a decree authorising the removal of the Louvre, but the ground is formerly occupied still attracts a crowd, and with the exception of the corner of the Rue de Rivoli and the Rue Castiglione, offers the singular spectacle of waste land in the busiest quarter of the town. The Tuilleries are being rebuilt so slowly that no perceptible change has as yet taken place in the dreary ruins which form the gateway. Private houses in the Rue de Rivoli are being gradually rebuilt, at least in the light of the neighbourhood, who will but be relieved from the unsightly scaffolding which took up the greater part of the narrow pavements, and from which showers of plaster were continually descending upon the backs of passers-by. But the Hotel de Ville offers the most lamentable spectacle. Three years ago this ruin was supposed to be a grandiose thing, which was supposed to be the last of the remains of the massiveness from the days of the empire. In these three years it was thought, however, that some portion of the building would at last rise above the surrounding blocks, but this hope has been disappointed, and we have at last an explanation of this unheard-of dilatoriness to the like of which Baron Haussmann had not accustomed the Parisians. It was intended at first to have a massive base of stone and foundations, which, however, were not found strong enough to bear even a moderate weight. Wall after wall, erected in the course of these three years, have therefore been gradually pulled down again, until everything belonging to the old Hotel de Ville, even the Salle Saint-Jean, which had been respected by the fire and the foundations, have been entirely removed. The scaffolding, which covers the remains of the building, will soon be taken away, and the work has been taken up in earnest, and there is no further danger of having to pull down over and over what had been finished the day before.

CAPTAIN FORBES, R.N.

Captain Charles Stewart Forbes, R.N., died in London on the 21st June. The Times publishes the following extract from the gallant officer's career:—The first year of young Forbes's service was passed as a midshipman in the North Star, with Sir Everard Home on the Australian station; the Chinese war found him in command of a gunboat in the Baltic; and on the breaking out of hostilities in China he proceeded to the scene of operations as lieutenant commanding the Algiers. Through the winter of 1855-56 he never lost a chance of distinguishing himself, and his name soon became celebrated for his success in "pirate-pièce." Returning home just as Garibaldi landed in Sicily, Forbes hurried out, and was the only Englishman who participated in the first action outside Palermo. Distinguished from the beginning to the end of the campaign, in his blue funnel suit, and always in front of the fire, he soon attracted the notice, and gained the friendship, of Garibaldi. Finally recognising the value of his services in advance of the General, and receiving a triumphant welcome instead of the latter, which enabled him to report on his return that the royal troops had evacuated the city. On his return to England Forbes published an account of the campaign, which is probably the only record of it which exists. The success of this book led him to a most interesting exploration in Iceland, giving as the result of his experiences there a graphic and interesting form. On receiving his promotion he went out to the River Plate as commander of the Curlew, and completed his term of service in those always stirring districts in time to accept the command, under Captain Sterett, of one of the vessels of the division which was being fitted out for the Emperor of Brazil. Taking his vessel along the West Coast of Africa, and touching at several ports on his way, he arrived at his destination to find the project of a Chinese Imperial fleet, commanded by British officers, abandoned, and returned to England the bearer of despatches from Captain Osborne to the English Government. On his arrival a English officer found his love of adventure almost immediately gratified, and the service which he obtained, without difficulty, of a second officer, for the American war was won at his height, and he soon distinguished himself in his new position. His system of avoiding the enemy required that combination of skill, courage, and courage which the habits of life of an English officer, so evidently calculated to develop. Starting his ship with his own hands, he ran into port at night, and, after a short repose, was ready to take his place on the board, when he had taken up the day when first sighted land, and when that day was over he commanded was too far out to be visible to the blockading squadron. The close of the war found him in the harbour of Galveston, and unable to extricate his ship, he left her, to join the forces of the ill-fated Maximilian in Mexico. By his hairbreadth escape and the services he rendered during this his blockade running and Mexican experience we have, unfortunately, no published record of his services. The hours of time for the previous 24 hours (noon) are registered from 1 to 24, and the quantity of water fallen indicated in inches, feet, and hundredths.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
M. R. THEOPHILUS GEE LINSTEAD
is authorized to sign our bills in
HONGKONG and CANTON. PUEDON & Co.
China, 1st June, 1876. [1876]

NOTICE.
I have authorized Mr. L. POESEN-
KEE to sign our bills for pro-
curement.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
1m 249, Hongkong, 6th June, 1876.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V.
SHAW to sign my name for procure-
ment.

A. HAG. HEATON,
8 Hongkong, 1st June, 1876.

NOTICE.
The undersigned has been appointed
SURVEYOR to D. L. DODGE'S REGISTER
at this port.

R. H. CAIRNS,
1st Chambers, Hongkong, 20th April, 1876. [1876]

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT at
the Ports of Taku and Tsinan.

P. F. DA SILVA,
3m 424, Formosa, 1st April, 1876.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day appointed my
sole agents in CHINA for the
above Manufactories.

BUHMEISTER & Co.,
3m 619, 3rd May, 1876.

COAL-DEALERS.
Have always on hand large stocks of
every description of COAL.

Address, care of YU-LOO-YUNG & Co.,
No. 43, Peking, 1st April, 1876.

648 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1876.

COSS-STAHL UND WAFFENFABRIK.

WITTEN vormals BERGER & Co.,
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GERMANY.

The undersigned have been appointed
SOLE AGENTS IN CHINA for the
above Manufactories.

BUHMEISTER & Co.,
3m 619, 3rd May, 1876.

**DUOC MONTEBELLO CARTE
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.**

Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen).

Pints, \$10 per case (1 dozen).

5% discount on 25 Cases.

BOURBON WHISKY.

\$12 per case (1 dozen).

FOR SALE BY
HEARD & Co.

975 Hongkong, 23rd June, 1876.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

OPUM.

TUESDAY, 25th June.

Sales of New Patents made to day at \$532.

and of sugar to arrive from the sixth port at \$575.

In other kinds nothing reported.

EXPORT CARGOES.

For American bank American Lloyds, for San

Francisco—29,218 bags Rice, at 50 lbs.; 842 packages

Sugar, 700 packages Nut Oil, 200 bags Boot-

Floor, 50 packages Soap, 40 packages China-

ware, 20 packages Tea, 40 packages Bettans,

and 2,230 packages Sundries.

1st 410 Hongkong, Janua-

RENTALS.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, at demand, \$84; Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, \$81; Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, \$94; Credits, at 6 months' sight, \$93; Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight, \$92; BOMBY.—Bank sight, \$22; Bank sight, \$22; Private, 30 days' sight, \$73.

SHARPS.

HONGKONG and Shanghai Bank Shares—2 per cent. premium; Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$850 per share; China Trade Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,675 per share.

China and Japan Marine Insurance—The 34 per cent. share; Chinese Insurance Company—\$215 per share; Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$15 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$150 per share; Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—40 per cent. discount.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—12 per cent. discount.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—The 65 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$5 per share.

Hongkong Imperial Loan—\$102.

SALES ON JUNE 29th, AS REPORTED BY
CHINESE.

Sapanwood—200 pieces, at \$23.36, by Wo

Ho to travelling trader.

Green Peas—100 bags, at \$2.03, by Wo

Ho to travelling trader.

White Sugar—100 bags, at \$4.25, by Tai

Foong Shun to travelling trader.

Vermicelli—40 bags, at \$3.30, by Yuen

Fat to local trader.

Quicksilver—30 bags, at \$6.75, by Chong

Kee to local trader.

China Rose—150 packages, at \$2.70, by

Wong Hop to travelling trader.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE,
(From Miss FALCONER & CO'S REGISTER.)

Barometer—9 A.M. 58.000

Barometer—1 P.M. 57.750

Barometer—2 P.M. 57.700

Barometer—3 P.M. 57.650

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Barometer—4 P.M. 56.800

TRACTS.

THE WANDERINGS OF A CHAIN OF SAND.

—SISTER'S DREAM.
Mother whom I loved so well,
Long years was late, and I grew old;
The truth of him, I chid tell;
He was the parrot joy I had;
And it I wondered what his fate,
What was some secret hidden land;
How far I was forced to travel,
How far I was forced to travel.
To jump once more his bring hand.
One side—waded with despair,
One side—waded with despair;
Of every danger I would dare,
To set him once again—my own;
I murmured, "Come, oh come to me!
What has that left me here to plus?
No other form I can see;
No other form I can see;
So far, so dimmed, as thus!"

I heard a voice with silvery tone,
Exclaim, "Behold, the brother's near;
Long years have past, and I grow old;
The truth of him, I chid tell;
He was the parrot joy I had;
The voice was broken; it was broken;
As daylight dawned cloud-like it fled;
I woke, I saw, and slept once more;
My brother standing by side!

GRASPING, NOT GIVING.

Mistresses complain of the coarseness and impetuosity of the ordinary man; but the converse idea of a lady help brightens them. The spirit of domination, that subtle vein of cruelty, so often belonging to weak creatures which makes women the hardest task-masters over slaves, still clings to them even in a free country, and their motto is, Grasping, not giving. The daughter of the house maintains that the elemental barriers of nature, written in say, have no virgins as against her wishes; so that if she desires to enter into the lists with her brothers and their friends, and try conclusions with them as to which of them shall win the woods, she ought to be allowed; but Molly, the maid is the secured of caste, and Molly the maid must content herself with her allotted portion of servitude and humility. The lady and her advocates thundering at the gates of the College of Physicians and at the doors of the Inns of Court, expect that the walls of Jericho are to fall before the first blast of the trumpet; and that she is to be admitted M.D. and Q.C. for the mere demand, but she is in no wise disposed to grant to her two set of a-grade below herself any recognition, any privilege not consecrated by age of allowances—by long terms of conventional usage. She demands the woolcock if she can stand as much new-made her duty as is needed to fit her for it; but she is not asked to accept the lady dressmaker at her equal, the lady cook as in no wise degraded by labour, and she will think herself insulted. She ought to be a d'erk whenever clerkship are to be had; a doctor, a chemist, or any other of the professions usually assigned to men; with ladies to herself, and no degradation of her work; but the ordinary work of women is amateurish manumission from the point of view of equality.—From "Women's Place in Nature and Society" by Mrs. Taiton, in "Helenus" for May.

THE SPARE ROOM.

When the season is over the young couple awake to the startling fact, owing to some mysterious dispensation of Providence not one of their particular friends has slept a night in the house. The guest-chamber, always full, has been entirely occupied by people for whom they do not care in the least, and whom they never would have dreamed of asking. Indeed, now they think of it, they are not conscious of having invited a single creature. The girl whose never been loved over them to death was certainly not asked, nor yet the old lady who put tracts in their boots, and insisted on evening prayers. The Spiritualist who took unto himself seven other spirits, and who broke the leg of their best oak table, was self-invited; but was the lady who kept her room for a week while a new set of teeth was being prepared for her, and then another week trying some cosmetics which turned out disastrously and prevented her appearance to the outer world. The little bride saw too much of her, as she was compelled to read aloud by the firelight for her entertainment. What a blessing it is to be able at last to shut up house and go away for a run, and to have found an honest charwoman to take charge of everything! But there is no peace even for the domed space room. The young lady whose visit in the spring turned out such a signal success is now going to be married, and writes to say she is sure her dear cousin will allow her to bring mamma up to order the trousseau. They do not in the least mind that there are no servants or that the kitchen is being whitewashed. They will bring their own maid and man, who can do everything. The unhappy successors of this popular house groan in spirit, but they as helpless against an experienced woman of the world as they were against the girl who came to get music lessons and made his undoubtful with the exercises she sang all day long out of tune. But perhaps their troubles have one good effect. The husband absolutely welcome with his mother-in-law, who effectually put an end to the existence of the spare room. Saturday Review.

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